

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP – 12 April 2021 at 11am

PRESENT:

Cllr J Clark (Chair)	Marshal Scott
Cllr S Bibby	John Heap
Cllr D Berryman	Mair Hill
Cllr S Fletcher	Michelle Haworth
Cllr S Atkinson	

MINUTE SILENCE

The Chairman asked for a minute silence in respect of the death of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

APOLOGIES

Received from Councillors R Thompson and A Knox.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2021 were approved as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The actions from the meeting not covered on the agenda were considered.

With regard to the Draft Climate Change Strategy it was suggested that the text be made more positive to show what we CAN do rather than why we can't and highlight where we have contributed eg money invested in Pendle Hill project.

It was also suggested that consideration be given to renewable energy and in particular solar panels where they might be appropriate following a cost/benefit analysis.

Reference was also made to hydrogen power and the need for it to be green or blue hydrogen for it to be environmentally friendly. Follow up investigations could be made of the solar farm in Gisburn and Johnson Matthey.

It was reported by Cllr Thompson that the tree planting at Horton had now been started by RRT.

ONE CARBON WORLD

Michelle Haworth reported that she had 'met' with One Carbon World to discuss the collection of the data required for their assessment. It covered three scopes

- Direct
- Energy Indirect

- Other Indirect

She had taken advice on how best to collect the data and had started work getting a lot of it from the accountants. She was using 2019/20 as the baseline year as this was pre-covid and therefore 'normal'. It was expected that once a baseline was established that data would continue to be collected as a constant measure.

Once the data was sent to One Carbon World, it would take a 30-day turnaround to provide the report. This information would then be fed into the Strategy to fill the gaps. It was the aim to get a report to Policy & Finance committee in June.

RIBBLE RIVERS TRUST

Following the report to Policy & Finance committee requesting funding for the RRT planting project, there had been some concerns about how the success of the project would be measured and monitored.

ACTION: Questions regarding this be included in the letter to RRT regarding the agreement of P & F to fund the project for one year only.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Cllr Mirfin, as Chair of Licensing committee had approached the Chair regarding the 2 hackney carriage operators in Ribble Valley who ran hybrid vehicles. The Chair suggested we ask for their feedback on how well they work in RV.

Mair Hill reported that she would be carrying out a consultation, as agreed at Licensing committee, of all the hackney carriage and private hire operators and would include appropriate questions about where in Ribble Valley the vehicles are used to get this feedback.

John Heap reported that the search for an electric vehicle to use on a trial basis to assess how successful it would be was still ongoing. We may have to consider changing the way we work for an electric vehicle to be effective.

ACTION: Mair Hill to feed back to the working group the responses to the Licensing consultation.

ACTION: John Heap would continue the search for a vehicle to trial.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Atkinson referred to allocation of capital funding in due course for any projects that were eventually agreed by P & F to be included in the Climate Change Strategy and the need for the potential impact to be known alongside a cost/benefit analysis.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for **10am on Monday 7 June 2021.**

The meeting closed at 11.42am.